

Warn French People
Of Nazi Saboteurs

LONDON (CP-Reuters) — The French radio tonight broadcast a warning to the people of France to be on the lookout for groups of Germans wearing British and U.S. uniforms who had infiltrated through the Allied lines.

The warning said the Germans are provided with identity documents and have "American and English vehicles bearing American and English markings."

"The task of these groups is the sabotage and destruction of vital war installations," the radio added.

Typhus Epidemic

LONDON (AP) — Underground sources in German-occupied Holland have informed the Netherlands government here that a typhus epidemic has broken out in Amsterdam and is spreading rapidly, the official Netherlands news agency said today.

'Lankies' Plaster
Nazi Supply Town

LONDON (AP) — R.A.F. Lancasters hammered the German west front garrison and railway town of Trier today.

Trier, 26 miles northeast of Luxembourg city is a main supply point supporting the German winter counteroffensive. U.S. 9th Air Force fighters escorted the Lancasters, which returned safely.

\$75,000 Blaze

KENORA, Ont. (CP) — Damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused by fire which swept through three business blocks here today. No lives were lost. Police are investigating.

\$3,000 Fine Cut

TORONTO (CP) — Judge James Parker in police appeal court here today reduced to \$500 a \$3,000 fine imposed on the Beaver Specialty Ltd. for violating Prices Board regulations by selling popcorn at a price above the ceiling.

British Bombers
Hit Baltic Area

LONDON (CP-Reuters) — The German D.N.B. agency reported tonight that "British bomber formations escorted by fighters this evening penetrated into the Baltic area."

Famed Jockey Hurt

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Veteran jockey John (Red) Pollard, 35, Seabiscuit's rider, was injured this afternoon in a three-horse spill during the first race at Gulfstream Park. Hospital attendants said he had a brain concussion.

Pollard's mount, Good Ante, appeared to stumble while racing in the first turn in a closely-bunched field of 11 platers. Count Natural fell over Good Ante, as did Yarr Spinner.

Workers Ask Raise

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Germans Report
New Soviet Drive

LONDON (AP) — The Berlin radio reported late today that the Russians have launched their long-expected offensive between Balaton Lake and the Danube, in Hungary.

The broadcast declared that 10 Russian rifle divisions were thrown into the attack, and that the Germans had launched a strong counterattack with tanks and artillery "which forced the Russians to regroup."

Such a drive apparently would be aimed at completing encirclement of Budapest by thrusting up west of the city.

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Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity — Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild today and Friday. Wednesday's Temperatures — Min. 38; Max. 48. Sunshine: 7 hours 36 minutes. Temperature noon Thursday, 43. Victoria has over 600 hours more sunshine a year than other coast cities, less than half the rainfall.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Northward Nazi Push Stopped Cold

Churchill, Eden
Ask Greek King
Stay in London

LONDON (CP) — A member of the House of Commons unsuccessfully sought assurance today that the British government would ask King George II of Greece, who now is in London, to remain here until the Greek people decide whether they want him back.

To Dr. Driborg, Independent, asked Prime Minister Churchill whether he would invite the King "to state publicly that he has no intention of returning to Greece until after the question of the monarchy has been settled by free plebiscite of the Greek people, and that he is willing, meanwhile, that a Regent acceptable to all parties should be appointed."

Answering for the government, Deputy Prime Minister Attlee said he had nothing to add to the statement made Wednesday by Foreign Secretary Eden.

REGENCY ADVOCATED

Mr. Eden had said the Greek King was remaining in London on the advice of Mr. Churchill and himself. He revealed also that the British government had taken the lead in advocating a regency.

Mr. Driborg argued today there was danger that a plebiscite "might be prejudiced" by the premature return of the King.

This drew from Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Conservative, the report that such a request from the British government "would be a most unwarranted interference with affairs of the Greek people."

"We have interfered more than that," broke in Emmanuel Shinwell, Labor.

Shouts of protest arose when Edith Summerskill, Labor, inquired: "Is it proposed that the wishes of one man—the King of Greece—shall be allowed to stand in the way of a settlement?"

George Strauss, Labor, broke to ask: "Is this not the time when the British government could interfere with very great benefit to the Greek situation?"

Despite the new outbreak, Mr. Attlee declined amplification, saying there had been "considerable opportunity for discussing these matters yesterday."

British Tanks
Assault E.L.A.S.

ATHENS (AP) — British forces opened a tank assault against E.L.A.S. concentrations today after expiration of an ultimatum from Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie that the insurgents stop fighting.

Rocket-firing fighter planes joined in the attack.

Sherman tanks climbed monasteries-topped Likabetus Mountain and sent 75-mm. shells crashing into E.L.A.S. positions around the Averoff Prison and the Military Academy.

Gen. Scobie's ultimatum, which expired at 9 a.m., had warned that any E.L.A.S. forces—the militia of the leftist E.A.M. or National Liberation Front—continuing to hold out would be attacked "with all the arms at the disposal."

At Omonia Square, tank-supported parachute troop patrols made a series of sorties, demolishing a sniper's nest and taking numerous prisoners.

A routine communiqué issued by Gen. Scobie at noon said further prisoners and weapons had been captured and that progress had been made in clearing the E.L.A.S. troops from Athens and Piraeus.

Vancouver Wants
More Policemen

VANCOUVER (CP) — Chief Constable Donald Mackay has placed an order with Selective Service for an unspecified number of reinforcements for the Vancouver city police force. Selective Service officials disclosed today.

Men up to 50 years of age are required for temporary duty; men between 22 and 28 are needed for permanent posts on the force.

Sailors Off for Home for Christmas



Reinforced U.S. 1st Army Mauls Big Tank Units

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP) — Field Marshal von Rundstedt's armor and infantry, had driven 35 miles westward into Belgium to a point about 14 miles south of the fortress of Liege up to noon Tuesday.

But veteran U.S. 1st Army formations, rushed up to the northern flank of the deep German salient, stopped the Germans cold today in their effort to push northward, and badly mauled large tank units in a heavy engagement.

Other U.S. forces, hurried into action along the German north flank at Monschau, chopped nine miles into the base of the German salient.

The deepest German thrust was 14 miles west of Malmédy, where tank columns cut the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon road and reached the village of Hoyenmont.

Von Rundstedt's massive winter rush across Allied lines of communication had developed into two deep wedges as massive formations of from five to six armored divisions and eight to nine infantry divisions poured into a wide breach under the concealment of fog and cloud.

Wedge 3/4 of Way
Into Luxembourg

PARIS (AP) — France intends to mount guard on the Rhine after the war to keep the Rhine and Ruhr industries out of German hands, and intends to have Poland expand westward into Silesia and East Prussia, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the Consultative Assembly today as debate opened on the new French-Soviet alliance.

The minister, who signed the pact for France, asserted the accord would be a means of mutual defence, and added the Russians and French had agreed to territorial revisions in both the east and the west.

These were the positions at noon Tuesday.

Supreme headquarters still did not permit up-to-the-hour pinpointing of German positions, and field dispatches quoted "good authority" on the 1st Army front as saying the German drive was not likely to be checked this week, although the northermost prong of the German attack had been stemmed.

U.S. troops were fighting back, giving and receiving their heaviest losses of the war, as Von Rundstedt concentrated up to 200,000 men into a massive bid for a break-through.

The German high command claimed its spearheads had penetrated the Ardennes Forest and cut the 45-mile Liege-Bastogne highway, one of the main north-south highways linking the U.S. 1st and 3rd Armies.

Bastogne is a Belgian town, four miles west of the Luxembourg border, and 40 miles northeast of Sedan. It was through the Ardennes Forest that the Germans made their great breakthrough in 1940, smashing across the Meuse at Sedan.

First Army countermeasures have been in progress since the German attack began rolling Dec. 16.

Some U.S. Elements
Surrounded

U.S. troops suffered considerable casualties, and several elements were completely surrounded south and west of St. Vith.

Crossing of the Liege-Bastogne Road would represent a 17-mile advance west of St. Vith for the Germans, or a minimum penetration of Belgium and Luxembourg of 14 miles. The road is approximately 35 miles east of the north-south course of the Meuse as it flows through Givet, Dinant and Namur.

But the German drive was reported turning south and west of St. Vith, farther south, in the most potent threat.

Low grey clouds and fog for the second day bound Allied air forces to the ground and robbed the U.S. 1st Army of its best

chance of halting the German offensive.

With the fields crawling with German armor and roads jammed with German transport, the weather was a tragedy for Allied air power. Only six Allied planes got off the ground Wednesday.

There was a feeling here that it may be days before the enemy can be slowed or stopped—weeks before the U.S. 1st Army can regain positions it held in Germany last Sunday when the Prussian generals plunged headlong into a major bid for victory.

Allied Time Table
Completely Upset

It appeared the Germans already have torn Gen. Eisenhower's winter campaign timetable to shreds. It was clear that with the 1st Army falling back the strategy of the flanking U.S. 9th and 3rd Armies must be altered.

Despite the American reverse already the greatest setback suffered in two years of fighting in Europe and Africa—there was some tendency among military men to welcome the German attack. A belief prevailed that "this was it"—the big battle that could eventually lead down the road to final victory.

The 3rd Army repulsed two German counterattacks northeast of Sarreguemines. The 7th Army, under intense artillery fire, was thrown out of Baudenthal, 29 miles inside the Palatinate and seven miles northwest of Wissembourg.

The French in the Vosges advanced a mile south of Lake Noir, 13 miles west of Colmar, and reached les Hautes Hutes.

The stand of the Germans all along these other fronts had stiffened surprisingly considering the fury they had concentrated into their new drive, and apparently was intended to tie up Allied forces which might otherwise be diverted to the Belgian-Luxembourg sector.

Considerable enemy movement was observed around Linnich and Linder, north of the 1st Army sector.

While it may be the death-battle of the German army, coming out into the open in a last blaze of offensive power, the Germans were making it one of the bloodiest struggles of the whole war for both sides.

Shorter War
When Nazis Fail,
Says Stimson

WASHINGTON (AP) — War Secretary Stimson said today that if the German counteroffensive fails it definitely will shorten the war.

He coupled with this assertion, however, the statement that the Germans' ability to launch the huge offensive is significant.

Stimson, in his weekly review of the war given at a news conference, said the Germans had chosen for their attack a sector which had been loosely held by both sides. It was a terrain which had not offered to the Allies much incentive for exploitation.

The secretary commented that the Nazis did not have a great deal to lose in risking the offensive, and that it might gain for them a few months of time before they must account for "the misery they have inflicted upon the world."

Bulldozer Conquers Bear

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Quick thinking by bulldozer driver Leo Llewellyn enabled him to trap and kill a bear.

Bunting a sizable chunk of earth out of a sidehill, Llewellyn uncovered a hibernating bear. The bear became ferocious. But the driver dug in the blade of his dozer and covered the animal up to its neck.

Llewellyn then got a rifle and shot the bear.



FLUID FRONT LINE — Map shows approximate location and extent of fierce German counteroffensive in Luxembourg and Belgium. Late reports indicate Nazi penetration at one time went 14 miles beyond Stavelot and Malmedy. An attempted push northward has been stopped.

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Ganges

The income of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for November amounted to \$324.98, expenditure \$306.89. The annual meeting will be held Jan. 25, at Mahon Hall. General routine business was discussed.

The school entertainment, Christmas tree and dance was held Friday in Beaver Point Hall.

The concert was organized by the teacher, Miss Muriel Richley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A last-minute gift may be bought at the little shop at 737 Pandora, open till 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23. Don't forget boxes in Chinese stores this Christmas! Committee for Medical Aid for China.

Dental Auxiliary jam and jelly winners: Mrs. Adams, Dr. Westwood; P. Stevenson, Dr. Millburn; Mrs. F. Hardie, Mrs. Parberry; M. Robson, Mrs. Foley. All winners have been notified.

Esquimalt Community Club winning numbers: 152, 78, 1004, 1188, 143, 1164.

Hear Handel's "Messiah," Part 1, Centennial Church, Dec. 24, 7.30 p.m. Collection.

Listings Wanted—Buyers for all types of residential and investment properties. Also good demand for small farms. Phone us your listings. Immediate inspection and appraisal. Victoria Realty, 643 Yates St. Phone E 7514.

Madame Virgo—Card readings. Private parties, clubs, etc. All questions answered. For appointment, G 6732.

Mrs. T. F. Singleton has returned to the Hollywood Beauty Salon after a long illness. 617 Fort Street; E 0435.

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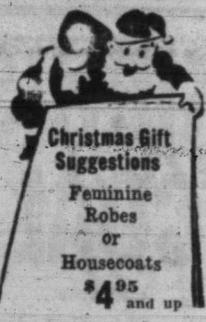
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B.C. Colonel Directs Reclaiming Of Dieppe Harbor

By MARGARET ECKER

DIEPPE, France (CP) — The job of turning the junk heap of smashed concrete and twisted metal in the harbor of Dieppe into an operational port to supply Allied armies in Europe has fallen on the shoulders of a former Vancouver man, Lt.-Col. Harold Hacking.

Rusted funnels of sunken ships spear from the waters of the channel which leads into a series of land-locked basins. Where once ships stood is a pile of twisted concrete, metal and lumber.

The Canadian colonel has been at work at Tobruk, Algiers, Benghazi and Naples, using the peace-time experience he gained in the North Pacific Shipping Company, Vancouver. Working with him at Dieppe are another Vancouver man, Maj. E. T. Cledningham, and Maj. Bob Hunt of Toronto.

"It's a combined army and navy show," the colonel said. "The navy clears the channel of mines and wrecks that can be anticipated by the enemy."

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It would be no surprise if the crack German infantry and tank forces making the drive into Belgium and Luxembourg included seasoned reserves from the eastern front. They may have been out of action reforming and have been moved to strike against the Americans on the threshold of the Ruhr.

RUHR VITAL TO GERMANY

It seems certain that Germany could carry on the war no longer than she could hold the Ruhr and keep its great concentration of war industries intact.

The Germans would have anticipated that the Ruhr would be one of the prime targets of the Allied drive and planned counter-measures for the time the threat to the area became imminent.

While two U.S. armies hacked their way closer to this vital Rhineland territory the Nazis apparently built up for their defence-by-attack.

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Fishermen Punished But Charges Dropped

NELSON, B.C. (CP) — Crushed around his hips when caught between two logs, Bill Fofonoff, 23, of Champion Creek, B.C., was fatally injured Wednesday while helping to load logs on a truck at a logging camp near Paymore, 30 miles west of Nelson. He died en route by truck and ambulance to the hospital here.

"When we came into a damaged port we stepped right into the enemy's set-up," he said. "This office was the office of the Boche camp commandant. I'm using his paper and inkwell."

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The staff and management sincerely wish their many friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Brighter and Happier New Year.

"McLEAN'S THE NAME"

Top German Reserves Switched To West for Present Nazi Drive

Re-establishment Officials Named

Following commentary on the German offensive in western Europe was written by William Stewart, Canadian Press war correspondent who has returned to Canada after covering landings in Sicily, Italy, France and Belgium.

By WILLIAM STEWART
The dangerous German counter-attack between the Maas and Moselle may have been imposed by the necessity of removing the U.S. forces' threat to the vital Ruhr, but evidently is intended to deal with a situation that was anticipated by the enemy.

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When the mines are cleared naval salvage teams go to work on the wrecks in the harbor, and clear the sunken ships out of the way. Meanwhile, the army port construction and repair group — engineers — go to work on repairing damaged quays and locks and almost simultaneously the army engineers of the port operating companies and maintenance companies begin to discharge ships.

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Coldwell Says Premier Averted Election

OTTAWA (CP) — M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said in a broadcast address Wednesday night that when the federal government accepted a C.C.F. amendment to a confidence motion at the recent special sitting of the Commons it "prevented the possibility of an immediate general election, for which irresponsible political elements were clamoring, an election which would have seriously disrupted the common war effort."

Mr. Coldwell spoke over a national network under an arrangement by which the CBC allocates certain free time to political parties.

The C.C.F. leader said the government had accepted the amendment, which asked that the words "the policy off" be struck from the confidence motion: "That this House will aid the government in its policy of maintaining a vigorous war effort." The amended motion was approved by the House in a vote.

The change caused a revision of the C.C.F. determination to vote against the original motion.

Mr. Coldwell said an election at present would place in power a government which would have postwar problems to solve. He held that a parliament elected to deal with these problems should be elected on postwar policies with every opportunity to vote given the men and women overseas.

Those who failed to escape continued their disorders all Tuesday night, taunting guards and beating on walls until dawn, when the guards forced them back to work at bayonet point.

One order permitting a land-

lord to give a tenant notice to vacate was granted by Judge Bruce Boyd in rent court here Wednesday and seven appeals from fixed rents were dismissed.

The order was allowed on the grounds the tenant, declared obnoxious by the landlord, shared joint tenancy. His activities, the landlord said, were reflecting discredit on the house.

Certainly the masses of our people are not working and sac-

rificing, and dying, to restore discredited monarchies to their thrones, or reactionary rulers to their prewar power," he said.

"Of behalf of all Canadians in

Stalag I wish to convey to every-

one of you our warmest seasonal

greetings," the message said.

"Please accept also our sincere

thanks for all you have done on

our behalf. We would wish our

people at home to have our most

heartfelt greetings and good

wishes for the coming season,

and to have them know that we

shall be with them in spirit and

hope that the future season shall

see us all reunited."

Special Christmas parcels from

the Canadian Red Cross are be-

ing distributed to the prisoners,

an official of the society said.

When our divisions break, the

present line, our engineers will

be with them, and they will have

bridges to cross the Rhine, too.

—Gen. Somerville.

British Aim At Food Production

Re-establishment Officials Named

British Aim At Food Production

In Peace Great As Now In War

OTTAWA (CP) — Veterans Minister Ian Mackenzie has announced the appointment of Lt.-Col. H. Hogan of Prince Edward Island and Ottawa as assistant director of re-establishment credits, and Maj. E. A. Dunlop of Toronto, a blinded war veteran, as chief of the disability training and placement branch.

"Payment of war service

gratuities to discharged personnel will be recommenced soon

after the first of the year, and

we are completing our organization so we will be in a position to

handle applications quickly when

they are received," Mr. Mackenzie said.

The minister explained that

the re-establishment credit is an

amount equal to the basic

gratuity — that is, \$7.50 for each

30 days' service in the western

Hemisphere, and \$15 for each 30

days' service overseas.

Col. Hogan is a veteran of this

war and the first Great War.

After the last war he joined the

former Department of Pensions and National Health.

Maj. Dunlop, son of the late E.

A. Dunlop, former provincial

treasurer of Ontario, was one of

the officers selected from the

Canadian army to go to Tunis

as an observer during that cam-

paign, and, while there, he was

slightly wounded.

Returning to England, he lost

his eyesight in a training acci-

dent when he picked up a live

Mills bomb which a soldier had

dropped. The soldier was not

hurt, but the bomb exploded

before Maj. Dunlop could throw

it clear.

On his return to Canada, he

re-entered the University of To-

ronto, where he was continuing

his studies when he was ap-

pointed to the Veterans' Depart-

ment.

BRITISH VITAL TO GERMANY

It was the hasty withdrawal of

German forces from the Ruhr

that has given the Allies the

opportunity to turn the tide of

war in their favor.

Now the aim is to maintain

that high production into the

peace to save foreign exchange

for other purchases abroad and

help provide employment in a

stable, prosperous agricultural

industry.

Statistics on Britain's war ef-

fort show that land in crop or

fallow increased from 8,800,000

acres in 1939 to 14,600,000 this

year and temporary grassland in-

creased from 4,100,000 acres to

4,800,000.

But permanent grassland was

cut from 18,800,000 acres to

11,700,000. Thus the total area

under crops and grass was re-

duced only 600,000 acres despite

the vast areas taken over for

military purposes and the land

actually farmed increased by

6,500,000 acres.

In 1943 the quantity of both

wheat and potatoes harvested

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CONFUSED AND FLUID

OFFICIAL INFORMATION RELEASED

From the headquarters of General Eisenhower in western Europe does not seek to minimize the problem which the German counter-offensive has posed for the American commanders in the substantial area involved. Nor should any of this authoritative news be interpreted as foreshadowing lugubrious potentialities. In the first place, the authorized communiques deal with operations which took place two days ago; in the second place, they have little to say about the riskiness of the bold Nazi move or the manner in which the Allied commander proposes to draw on his superior forces and equipment to deal with it. The layman should content himself with the only reliable knowledge vouchsafed to him—that the situation is fraught with those elements of confusion and fluidity in which the military experts delight to speculate. It is a disturbing interlude, the more so because the progress of events in recent months and weeks had led the people of the United Nations to believe that the enemy's lines would be the first to crack under the relentless pressure which already had permitted Allied forces to get set for the final onslaught on the last defences west of the mighty Rhine.

Let it be remembered that General Eisenhower has said on several occasions that the German western armies would have to be defeated on the left bank of the great waterway. All the signs and portents suggested that Field Marshal von Rundstedt agreed with him; the bitter resistance offered in every vital section of the line seemed to provide all the evidence to support this view. And the fact that this disciple of the best Junker military tradition has launched his counterattack on the grand scale removes the last vestige of doubt on the point. It is fairly safe to assume, therefore, that German strategy is to prolong the defence of the approaches to the Rhine—the formidable bastion protecting "Festung Deutschland" proper—as long as possible and to run up the price of all Allied encroachments to the maximum amount in men and material. The significant technique here, or so it would seem, is to try to bring about an atmosphere in which criticism, suspicion, ignorance, unctuous rectitude and ideology can get in their dirty work. In other words, and in addition to von Rundstedt's meticulous observance of basic military orthodoxy in its streamlined form, the German concept resides in the necessity to gain time for the cesspools of hatred the Nazis have left behind them to breed the disease of vengeance to plague the Allies.

Judged solely from the standpoint of comparisons of available men and supplies, particularly Allied domination of the air, the job of "containing" and blunting the counterstroke will not be an insuperable problem for General Eisenhower to solve. Such a bold stroke as that which Field Marshal von Rundstedt has launched with substantial success so far as it has gone requires a huge concentration of armor, infantry, artillery and planes which aerial eyes can detect. In this regard, we are told, the enemy was favored by heavy fog in his preparations and made the most of the advantage. But even at this time of the year in western Europe there are days of clear skies, though they are few and far between, and the Nazi commander has not forgotten what happened to hundreds of German tanks in Normandy when British rocket-firing Typhoons cut loose in fair weather. Probably before the week is out we shall know whether von Rundstedt has made a costly mistake or whether he has obliged General Eisenhower materially to change his strategy to meet the new circumstances.

NEUTRALITY AGAIN?

MR. M. J. COLDWELL, THE C.C.F. leader, told the American Labor Conference on International Affairs that, under proposals made at Dumbarton Oaks, "Canada might be directed to sever trading relations with, or supply armed forces to, any future aggressor, without having participated in the decision reached." He wanted strong secondary nations better represented on the Security Council. The proposals for establishment of a general international organization made at the Dumbarton Oaks conference were:

Membership of the organization should be open to all peace-loving states.

The organization should have as its principal organs: (a) General assembly, (b) Security council, (c) An International Court of Justice, (d) A Secretariat, and (e) Such "subsidiary agencies as may be found necessary.

All members of the organization should be members of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly should have the right to consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security, any questions relating to the maintenance of international peace and security brought before it by any members of the organization or by the Security Council . . . any such questions on which action is necessary should be referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly either before or after discussion.

Each member of the organization should have one vote in the General Assembly.

Important decisions of the General Assembly, including recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security; election of members of the Security Council; election of members of the Economic and Social Council . . . should be made by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

The Security Council should consist of one

representative of eleven members of the organization. Representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Republics, the Republic of China and, if due course, France should have permanent seats. The General Assembly should elect six states to fill the nonpermanent seats.

What Mr. Coldwell really complains of is that under the foregoing proposals Canada might be committed to the responsibility of action by the Security Council acting through the General Assembly. That is the sum total of the C.C.F. leader's worry about international security. He presumably wants to have the opportunity to remain neutral so long as he considers—as he did in 1939—that all wars are "capitalistic" wars; that when Britain is involved in war it must be an "imperialist" war, in which Canada must have no part; that Canada should furnish supplies (at a profit, of course) but not men; but above all that Canada must remain neutral.

Certainly Mr. Coldwell knows that the greatest weakness in the League of Nations was this lack of responsibility on the part of any nation which thought it should not be involved in "sanctions"; or that it could remain neutral, in case of aggression. He should know that he is truly representative of the very type of mentality which wanted peace at any price, disarmament in the face of the League's impotence and the obvious Nazi scheme, and no responsibilities in the international field—except those of propaganda for the doctrines in which he believes.

FREE EXCHANGE OF NEWS

IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT of the Canadian Press, as well as in his personal role as one of Canada's ablest editors, Senator W. A. Buchanan delivered a radio broadcast last Sunday in which he strongly urged the Parliament of this Dominion to declare itself in favor of including a provision in the peace treaty to guarantee the free exchange of news between the nations of the world and the freedom of the press generally. This eminent Canadian journalist's admirable pronouncement is the "sequel to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the C.P. at its meeting in Vancouver last September. This was brief and to the point and read:

"That this Board express its belief in the world-wide right of interchange of news by news-gathering and distributing agencies, whether individual or associate, and in the right of free access to news sources by any newspaper of any country; and that these rights should be protected by international compact."

Following Senator Buchanan's appeal, the Canadian Press has sounded out the leaders of the four major national political parties, and, strange as it may seem to their respective supporters, finds them in complete agreement with the basic principle embodied in the Vancouver resolution. Since the request for individual statements from Mr. King, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Coldwell, and Mr. Blackmore has revealed such harmony of view we shall not be accused of discrimination if we quote an extract from the Prime Minister's, which epitomizes the accord. He said:

"I believe that freedom of exchange of international news is essential for informed opinion on international affairs and that this is indispensable to the maintenance of peace. I hope that the controls of wartime censorship may be removed as soon as they are no longer necessary and that in the postwar world no government will attempt to insulate its people against the free flow of news from all international boundaries. I believe, too, that all who are interested in the freedom of news should give careful consideration to the importance of equal transmission facilities."

Mr. King prefaced the foregoing expression of opinion by saying that the matter of protecting news freedom by international compact "is receiving careful attention from the government" and that "it is also under examination by the other Allied governments." With this categorical assurance, therefore, coupled with his declaration as head of the Liberal Party and Prime Minister, it should be safe to assume that Canada's unqualified support and the influence she wields among the rest of the United Nations will be brought to bear on such deliberations at the peace settlement as will be devoted to this vital subject.

It is rehashing an old complaint to charge that if it had been possible for the peoples of the world to learn the whole truth about their respective countries in the years which followed the end of the first Great War, if every nation had agreed to the principle and practice of the free exchange of accurate information—instead of propaganda masquerading in many guises as news—millions now fighting and dying might have been enjoying a satisfying measure of peaceful progress. The removal of the barriers to international news, incidentally, should be regarded as the natural corollary to the end of high tariff walls. Full recognition of the twin gospel of moral and material interdependence is the prerequisite for universal amity.

WHITE'S BOOK ON RUSSIA

RUSSIAN WRITERS ARE STILL FOUNDING away at the abridged version of William L. White's forthcoming book on the Soviet Union called "Report on the Russians." Moscow's Pravda calls it the "usual standard production of a Fascist kitchen with all its smells, calumny, unpardonable ignorance and ill-conceived fury." It adds:

"White wrote as if he had never met any Soviet men at all. One can only think that everywhere he met someone like himself. It would be more correct to think, though, that everywhere he spoke to himself alone. His own voice, full of hatred for the Soviet Union, he then presented as the voice of some non-existing Soviet citizens."

However, Pravda comes to the conclusion that "the truth about the Soviet Union penetrates to America, despite all the efforts of Fascist agitators." And we know how some Russian writers feel: books have been written about Canada on information gleaned from the window of a railway train.

Bruce Hutchison

PROSPECTS FOR TRADE: THE U.S. STARTS TO MOVE

THE UNITED STATES has begun already to take the initiative in restoring the world's trade, knowing that only by its restoration can the American economy hope to prosper and private enterprise survive. Two recent developments mark the United States' determination to start goods moving through the world after the war. First, the United States has undertaken, by a new lend-lease agreement, to help Britain rebuild its industries and its export trade. Second, a spokesman of the government has asked Congress to approve a program of wide international economic co-operation. The government has acted in words, and in deeds.

The new lend-lease agreement covers the year which will follow the collapse of Germany, whenever that occurs. In this year the United States will reduce by 43 per cent the amount of goods it will send to Britain under the lend-lease formula, since Britain will not need them to maintain its present war effort against Germany. But a substantial part of the goods shipped in this period will be used to aid Britain in peace-time reconstruction.

By securing from the United States, without payment, goods to be used in the war against Japan, Britain will be enabled to turn over a large part of its own industrial capacity to the manufacture of peacetime goods for its own use and for export. Secondly, the lend-lease goods will include about \$60,000,000 worth of prefabricated houses for bombed-out British workers and also increased food shipments to improve the British diet. Thirdly, and perhaps most important, the United States agrees to reconvert its own industry to peace at the same rate as British conversion. For example, if the United States decides to convert 40 per cent of its plants to peacetime use after Germany's collapse, Britain will do the same. The agreement thus prohibits any "undue competitive advantage" for the industry of either country.

THE NEW LEND-LEASE agreement turns out to be one of the most enlightened policies of international co-operation on record. But it is only the beginning of the United States government's plans.

In a statement to a committee of Congress a few days ago Mr. Dean Acheson, assistant secretary of state, outlined the government's larger plans in detail. His statement confirms at every point the forecast made in this writer's dispatch from Washington in mid-October. In brief, the United States government proposes nine distinct projects of world economic reconstruction as follows:

Repeal of the Johnson Act which prohibits private and public United States loans to countries that have defaulted on loans in the past; expansion of the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank to make possible large American foreign loans; ratification by Congress of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as proposed at Bretton Woods, its chief purpose being to guarantee foreign loans by private lenders; ratification of the Bretton Woods currency stabilization plan; reduction in tariffs; an international trade conference "at the earliest practicable date for the reduction of barriers to trade"; creation of an "international trade organization to study international trade problems and to recommend practical solutions"; possible expansion of the Securities and Exchange Commission to check the soundness of foreign loans; approval of the Dumbarton Oaks league of nations charter.

Mr. Acheson also urged, as part of this general scheme, a new system of commodity agreements along the lines already described from Washington.

TAKEN TOGETHER all these proposals represent the largest attack ever made upon the problem of world trade in modern times. If they can be effected, the world may look forward to an expansion of prosperity greater than any it has ever known.

It must be remembered, however, that while the United States government proposes, Congress disposes. While Congress may well agree to foreign lending and currency stabilization, the true test of its willingness to restore trade will arise when it is asked to reduce tariffs. Powerful influences like the National Planning Association, in a report already quoted here, are working for tariff reductions in the United States. Forces possibly more powerful already are at work against them. The clear indication that the U.S. Senate will not ratify the postwar oil treaty between the United States and Britain is an ominous sign; for the objection to this treaty is that it would result in the importation of large quantities of foreign oil in competition with American producers after the war. Every detailed proposal to increase competitive foreign imports into the United States will be vigorously fought in Congress by well-organized pressure groups.

Of this the President is well aware, but he is basing his whole postwar program in the United States on his plan to restore the world at large. Having prevented such an effort at the London Economic Conference of 1933, and seen the results of that failure, he understands better than any of his predecessors that the United States can only prosper in a prosperous world. He knows that if the United States refuses to lend money and accept goods in payment, other nations will be forced into autaric, as they were after the last war, and another world depression will be assured.

We can do nothing about lack of faith and confidence among German farmers by general measures of coercion and compulsion, but we can punish individual culprits who present a stumbling block in the path of duty—German Food Minister Herbert Backe.

Letters to the Editor

PLEASED WITH RESULT

I wish to thank all the people of Saanich who supported the school by-law. Additional school accommodation in Saanich is needed right now, not at some time in the future.

Apparently Mr. Burridge is not aware of the increase in school population in both the city and Saanich since June, 1943, when he refused to continue with his duties as Saanich School Trustee.

The city school population has increased and this, together with their policy of opening pre-primer classes, means that they will not have room to accommodate any appreciable number of Saanich children.

It is very strange that Mr. Burridge should have been against the proposed school in his district now, considering the fact that one of the first things he did when he got on the school board was to demand on eight-room school in that district. He insisted that it be two blocks from the city limits and right near his own home.

The proposed Cedar Avenue school site is approximately one mile from Oaklands School.

The school board committee to deal with overcrowding, consisting of Trustee Paine and Inspector Gough, with myself as chairman, made a very intensive and detailed study of the whole problem before the by-law was drawn up. The by-law represents the absolute minimum of accommodation needed now.

FRANSINE PATTERSON.

Saanich School Trustee.

SAYS THE DEAN

It is curious that Mr. Munro rebukes Mr. Sanders because "his profundities appear to take in too much territory." Mr. Munro opens up yet more territory. To trace the course of Mr. Munro's thought is like running after a streetcar in order to discover its destination.

Mr. Munro's picture of doughty combatants swinging their cut-glasses is perhaps an echo of the words of T. T. Lynch—a contemporary of Darwin, who wrote his verse between spasms of angina pectoris:

"My faith, it is an oaken staff;
O let me on it lean;
My faith, it is a trusty sword;
May falsehood find it keen."

When Mr. Munro refers to "The Anglican Committee on Dogma," he is thinking of the Report of the Commission on Christian Doctrine, issued in 1938. When he writes of "a church which only six years ago surrendered its creed," he means a church which had the boldness to subject the interpretation of the creed to a rigorous examination in the light of modern knowledge. The report is not a surrender, but an exposition.

When Mr. Munro mentions "dropping the dogma of resurrection" as an incidental outcome of the report, he does not mean doubting the fact of our Lord's resurrection, which the report strongly affirms. He probably means that the precise terms of our belief in the resurrection of the dead are restated, as had been done in my own book, "The Romance of Death," published in 1931. (There is a copy of this book in the Victoria city library.)

When Mr. Munro refers to "textual criticism of the Bible as in the case of Bishop Colenso," he means literary, historical and scientific criticism. Textual criticism is a separate department of study, in which Colenso was not much concerned.

When Mr. Munro regards the works of Copernicus, Brahe, Kepler, Galileo and Darwin as blows to religion, he means that the scientific ideas of those various times were greatly affected by the discoveries of these scholars. They were blows to religion only in the same sense that they were blows to science.

Having followed Mr. Munro

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

of selling his life for honor alone. He has a practical objective.

The Germans of course are offensive appears to have slackened slightly in violence today, with immediate prospects much improved.

That's not to say, of course, that the ultimate outcome isn't clear. The vastly superior Allies strength ensures victory in the long run, but meantime many things can happen.

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HUGE GAMBLE

Field Marshal von Rundstedt is shoving his whole stack of chips into the pot for a colossal gamble in which he risks being cleaned out. It's a play of desperation that rather reminds one of the Japanese banzai charge.

The difference is that whereas the Japanese attacks are suicide affairs—self-immolation for honor of the emperor—the hard-headed German has no thought

thus far, I still do not see where he is going; but his tracks seem to be in need of repair. Perhaps after the war.

SPENCER H. ELLIOTT.

The Deanery.

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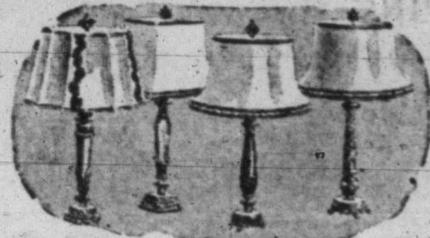
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Parties for Servicemen's Children



Merry, laughing children gathered around Santa Claus at the Christmas party held by the W.A. and the P.P.C.L.I. at the Y.W.C.A. Wednesday. Turning only a few minutes to have their picture taken they were soon back at the tree and anxious to see what was in Santa's pack. More than 60 children watched the moving pictures, played games and enjoyed ice cream and cake. Tea was served for the mothers. Most of the children's fathers are overseas. Mrs. N. Featherstone, president, was general convener, assisted by Mesdames E. Shone, A. Mainprize, E. M. Jones, F. H. Siddins, George Lindsay.



Honored guests at the naval children's party were those children whose fathers are on active duty at sea. Above is Mrs. Charles E. Burgess of 2532 Vancouver Street, wife of L. Cook Burgess, and her four daughters: Helaine, eight and a half months, whom her father has not seen; Francis, nine years; Barbara, 10; Marjorie, 12.

Hundreds of children of naval personnel got a pre-Christmas visit from Santa Claus Wednesday afternoon when he called on them at their gala holiday party in the Shrine Auditorium.

A crowd of over 1,000 mothers and children gathered at the big hall for the festivities, which had to be run through twice to accommodate the huge throng. They saw colored cartoons, watched in awe as magicians performed amazing feats, and feasted on ice cream, cake and candy.

Santa presented each child with a gift as they filed up to him at the tree, and he wandered through the crowds of kiddies talking to the lucky ones.

The Navy band played Christmas carols and songs for the party, which was sponsored by the naval canteens in the Victoria area for sailors' children living here.

Committee in charge of arrangements for the affair was headed by Mrs. P. B. German, who officially opened the afternoon's program; Mrs. A. R. E. Coleman and Mrs. G. F. McCrimmon, assisted by the Jill Tars Club and the special services of officers from H.M.C.S. Naden and Givency.

Here's a gift for Kathleen Scott from the North Pole . . .

Merry Christmas, Gordon Allan, here's a present . . .

"Anybody know Frances Reid . . .

Here's a gift for Roderick Heinekey . . .

Where's Victoria Whitley . . .

Before a tree glistening with ornaments, Santa Claus in the person of Sgt. Stanley James, was giving a Christmas present to each of 140 boys and girls, the sons and daughters of Canadian Scottish soldiers at the annual party arranged by the women's auxiliary to the regiment, at 738 Fort Street, Wednesday afternoon. It was the climax of the afternoon and wide-eyed children clustered round the platform on which Santa, stood to

distribute gifts. They carried away games, books, dolls, wooden guns, toys of every description.

Young guests ranged in age from five months to 14 years and among those present was 21-month-old Patricia Routledge, first baby born to a Canadian Scottish soldier and his English wife, the British Isles. Her father, Pte. Cecil Routledge, is still overseas.

Mickey Mouse cartoon shown

by Douglas Flintoff and the Strables and their magic began the afternoon. Mrs. C. F. Eagles led singing of Christmas carols and Miss Ethel James arranged the musical program.

Mrs. W. R. Russell was in

charge of refreshments, assisted

by Mrs. John Leask, Mrs. A. Miles and Mrs. L. Heinekey.

Tables were arranged by Mrs. W. H. Parker and Lieut. W. J. Russell, R.Q.M.S. H. Nutall, CSM, T. Dempster, CSM, R. Avery, and RSM. J. Cleator looked after decorations in the rooms.

Col. H. H. Urquhart, senior Canadian Scottish officer, was

among the guests who were welcomed by Mrs. S. J. McDonald, president of the auxiliary. Mrs. D. Harvey convened the affair.

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PERSONALS

Mr. Theo Bayles, who is attending the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, will spend Christmas with his family at Langford.

Mrs. K. Todd and her two daughters, Vicki and Madeline, will go to Vancouver to spend Christmas with the former's father, Mr. F. R. Wilgress.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Rothwell, with their sons David and Nigel are expected here from Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ian Agnew.

Mrs. Robert Driscoll of Vancouver will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, at Esquimalt. Her husband will join them at the weekend.

Mrs. Howard Clegg and her two children, Jane and Judy, will go to Ganges, Salt Spring Island, to spend Christmas. They will be joined by the former's mother, Mrs. W. E. Burns of Vancouver.

Mrs. Charles Macaulay and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Norris, with the latter's children, will come from Vancouver to spend Christmas at the Empress Hotel.

Lieut.-Murray A. Cree is spending Christmas leave with his wife and small daughter, Heather, at 2377 Central Avenue, Oak Bay. At present he is stationed at H.M.C.S. Chippewa, Winnipeg, as training officer.

Mrs. Peter Stursberg, who has been with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Great Britain and Italy for the last two years, is expected in Victoria at the weekend to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stursberg and his brother, Mr. Richard Stursberg, at their home, 2584 Thompson Avenue.

December meeting of the Knox Good Fellowship Club took the form of a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. Clatworthy, Ambassador Avenue. Gifts were exchanged and a musical program followed. Mrs. B. Creech, 2971 Shakespeare Street, will be the next hostess, Jan. 18.

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Weddings

ARMSTRONG—LITT

Hope Lutheran Church was the scene of a double ring wedding Tuesday evening, when Evelyn Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Litt, 185 Forest Hill Avenue, London, Ont., became the bride of Sgt. Pilot Philip Frederick Armstrong, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Armstrong of Victoria.

Rev. W. F. Doeling officiated at the candlelight service.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. George Deitzer of Vancouver, the bride wore a pearl satin gown made in Elizabethan style, with a matching headdress, and a finger-tip veil. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses. The gift of the groom was a gold cross on a tiny gold chain.

Miss Bernice Deitzer and Miss Iona Davis were the bridesmaids and wore pale blue chiffon gowns, and carried colonial bouquets.

Calvin Sturrock was the best man, and Bruce Cooke and Charles Rowley were the ushers. A reception was held at Terry's rose room.

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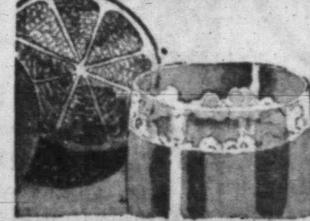
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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLWAY

EFFORTS of the R.C.E.M.E. or so-called army entry to gain admission to the senior B men's division of the Victoria and District Basketball League have not been blocked by the league officials but by the managers of the present clubs in the B division. Having heard a lot of talk pro and con on the subject I took the trouble to interview one of the executive of the league and gauged the real low down. At the beginning of the campaign the R.C.E.M.E. entered the men's C division. However, as the season progressed the club secured a couple of outstanding players in Hank Rowe and Ralph Shepherd and became too powerful an outfit for the C section.

IN AN EFFORT to secure better competition the army boys interviewed the league with a view to moving up into the senior B group. However, the officials realized it was not within their power to accept a new entry for the B section as the league constitution rules against such action after a certain date which had expired. In an effort to meet the request of the army club the league called a meeting of representatives of the three senior B clubs, Tommy Tuckers, Victoria Roofing and Navy, with the idea of getting their reaction to the idea. The three clubs turned down the plan unanimously leaving the league no alternative. It is unfortunate that the Army club cannot play senior B as their entry would give the section a well-balanced four-team circuit.

RECOGNIZED as one of the smartest hockey managers in the business Tommy Gorman's latest action in protesting to the National Hockey League over the players of other clubs using so-called "ganging" tactics on Maurice Richard, Canadiens star forward, is hard to understand, unless it is a publicity move. Regardless of the intent Gorman's protest is certain to backfire all over the circuit. It is a fine thing when a team manager has to appeal to the league seeking protection from the referees for certain players. If Messrs. Richard, Blake, Lach and O'Connor are unable to look after themselves they shouldn't be up in the big time. On paper the Canadiens definitely are the best-balanced club in the league from goalie Bill Durnan out. Why should they seek special attention from the referees? Don't be surprised if the Flying Frenchmen are referred to as the "cry babies" in other cities in the major hockey circuit. I'll wager Richard takes a real "riding" from the referees.

WHEN Johnny Greco, pride of Montreal, and Bobby Ruffin treated the fans to another wild and thrilling bout in their repeat showing at New York the other night, it brought to mind several other famous encore stands, the most prominent being the 17 battles between Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis. The final engagement was the best of them all: Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee teamed up in eight fights, each superior to its predecessor. Jack Kid Berg and Bruce Flowers repeated a spectacular bout a couple of times with no let-down. Stanley Ketchel and Bill Papke turned in four stirring battles. Gene Tunney and Harry Grebe were always worth an encore. At the end of the first trip between Greco and Ruffin the former got the nod by the margin of a round. The other night Ruffin proved a winner on the strength of a great last-round comeback. The fight was no less lively than the first. The pair are certain to meet in a "rubber" bout and it should prove the best of all. Greco and Ruffin are a pair of fighters who fight.

CURRIE ARMY WINS

CALGARY (CP) — The army team from Currie Barracks rose to the top of the Alberta Services Senior Hockey League here Wednesday night by defeating H.M.C.S. Tecumseh 2 to 1. Tony Desmarais and Doug Lane were the marksmen for Army while Eddie Slowinski tallied for the Navy.

MINOR HOCKEY

The following juvenile hockey players, members of the Victoria Minor Hockey Association, are asked to communicate with Ivan Temple as soon as possible: Rossier, Donaldson, Quickfall, Posey, Smith, Oberg, Holding, Griffin, Rennison, Jacklin, Stevenson, Bennett, Betrand and Ritson.

Golf Makes Great Strides in U.S.; Helps War Effort

By BYRON NELSON
LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) —

It is a real distinction to have been named athlete of the year for 1944. Viewing it from a broader picture it is a source of great satisfaction to me and to my fellow golfers to consider that the game of golf has been accorded this recognition.

Those golfers among us who were rejected for military service felt we could devote our talents through exhibitions and tournaments in which the prime purpose would be to stimulate the sale of war bonds as well as provide entertainment for servicemen now undergoing rehabilitation.

The results have been gratifying. Galleries this year have been among the largest in the history of golf.

I think that golf has acquired more enthusiasts than ever before. It is my belief that golf in 1945 will hit an all-time high both in interest and competition.

We have some 400 members of our Professional Golfers' Association in the service, and in taking part in more than 75 war charity exhibitions, visiting army and navy camps and hospitals this year, I have felt it was representing my absent fellow members by making the best possible use of what ability I may have on the links.

CALIFORNIA HOCKEY

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco beat the Oakland team, 4 to 2, in a brisk and rough Pacific Coast Ice Hockey League game Wednesday night.

Oakland scored first but San Francisco evened the count in less than a minute. Again, in

Cards Much the Best in Field

Sets Up League Marks

NEW YORK (AP) — Defensive skills of the St. Louis Cardinals, painfully obvious to the Browns in the world series, were officially recognized today in the National League fielding records showing the world series champions set two major league team records.

Billy Southworth's Red Birds established a record for both leagues with a .982 percentage and, by committing only 112 errors, erased the standard hung up by Cincinnati in 1940. It was their third successive fielding title to back up three straight pennants.

Ray Sanders at first base, Marty Marion at shortstop, Whitey Kurowski at third base

and Johnny Hopp in the outfield showed the way in their divisions, leaving to "outsiders" such scattered laurels as best fielding second baseman Woody Williams and pitcher Bucky Walters, both of Cincinnati, and catcher Al Lopez of Pittsburgh.

Leadership in all positions, except pitcher, was based on playing 100 or more games.

Sanders' .994 mark was just two points better than Frank McCormick of the Reds. Marion nosed out Eddie Miller of the Reds by one marker at .972, Kurowski's .965 gave him a wide edge over Steve Meesner of the Reds and Hopp showed the way among the regular outfielders with .997, four ahead of the New York Giants' Joe Medwick.

Seattle Rainiers Present Changed Line-up in 1945

SEATTLE (AP) — Bill Milligan, business manager of the Seattle Rainiers, returned home Wednesday from the New York state baseball conference just chock full of optimism about baseball prospects in the Pacific Northwest for 1945.

First, of course, Milligan was full of enthusiasm about the probabilities of the Rainiers really going places with the bunch of new talent already picked up and in sight.

Second, he declared himself convinced that the revival next season of the moribund Western International League not only is possible, but probable and feasible.

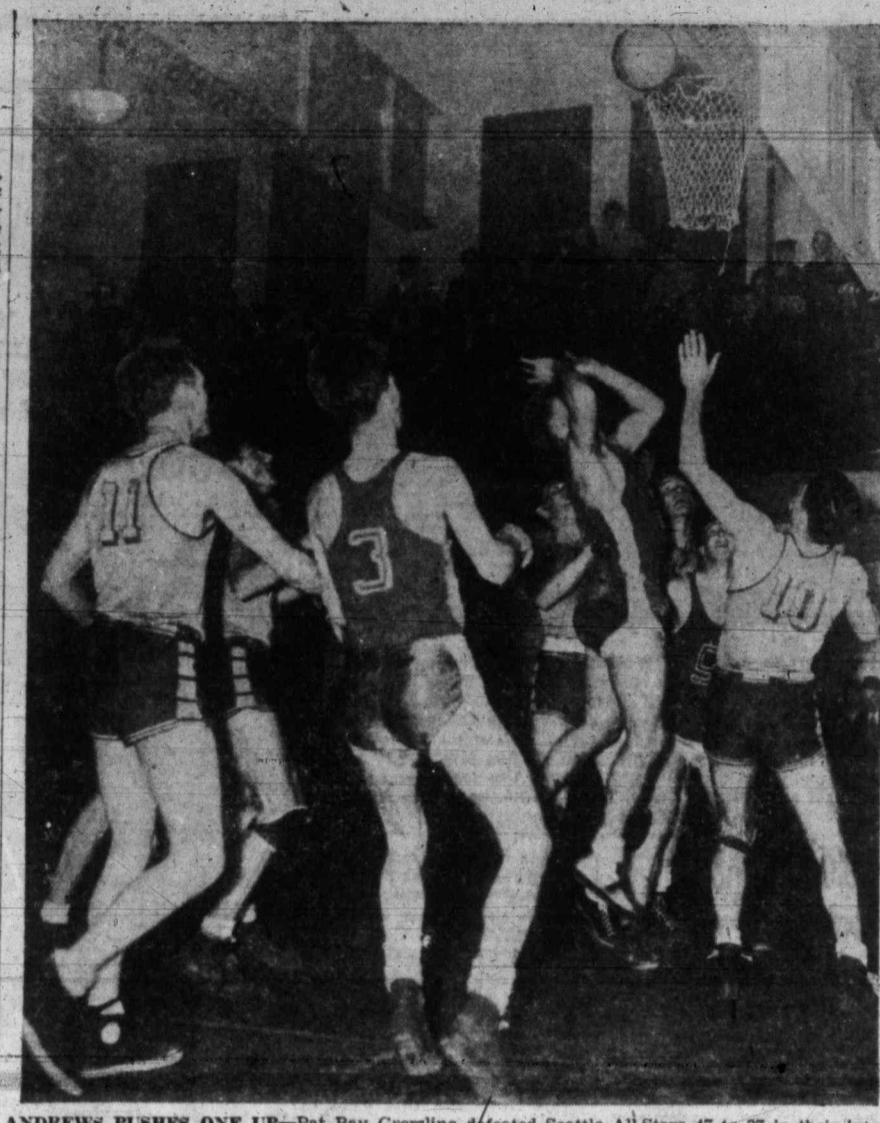
Directors of the Pacific Coast League, he said, are enthusiastic about the prospects of the reopening of the W.I. League and consider it likely manpower to bring about the revival will be available.

LOSE GYSELMAN

The hot stove league brought plenty of new facts to the Seattle line-up this winter, including first baseman George McDonald of San Diego, at the cost of third sacker Dick Gyelman. Joe Dobbins can cover second and a deal with Cincinnati is expected to bring in either a second baseman or shortstop to work into the keystone combination with Bob Gorbould, who capably fills either spot.

Charles Aleno from the Cincinnati club will take over third. To the outfield string of Bill Matheson, Roy Johnson, Bill Kats, Jack Whipple and Paul Carpenter, put Chase from Milwaukee and add the slugging Joe Norbert, a powerhouse at the plate.

Dick Hearn of Kansas City was added to the pitching staff in a deal with the Yankees which gave Seattle outright possession of John Babich, who will be a starter in 1945. Another pitcher is expected from Philadelphia which also is supplying the Giant catcher, Bob Finley, who will work with veteran Hal Sweeny behind the plate.



ANDREWS PUSHES ONE UP — Pat Bay Gremlins defeated Seattle All-Stars 47 to 37 in their city basketball clash last night and Porky Andrews contributed 14 points towards his club's victory.

In the above picture the former Oregon University star is seen just after jumping high in the air to bat in a rebound for two points. Other players seen are: Arnold Reid, Seattle (11), Bill Milliken, Seattle (10), Ian McKeachie, Pat Bay (3), and Norm Baker, Pat Bay (9). The clubs clash in a second game at the High School gym tonight, starting at 9.

Rangers Score Third Win

Whip Chicago Hawks 3-1

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Canadiens	13	4	2	72	46	28
Detroit	10	5	3	80	56	23
Toronto	10	6	2	66	57	22
Boston	8	11	1	85	94	17
Rangers	3	10	4	54	78	10
Chicago	3	11	2	53	79	8

Goals

W. L. D. F. A. P.

Canada 13 4 2 72 46 28

Detroit 10 5 3 80 56 23

Toronto 10 6 2 66 57 22

Boston 8 11 1 85 94 17

Rangers 3 10 4 54 78 10

Chicago 3 11 2 53 79 8

canon net to beat Mike Karakas, Abd Marcom and Grant Warwick were given assists.

Goldup, helped by Macdonald, fired the winning shot five minutes before the close of the period, and they reversed roles early in the third to make it certain. Fred Thurier also assisted.

SUMMARY

First period — Scoring, none. Penalties, Horeck, Goldup, Cooper, Dill, Heller.

Second period — 1. Chicago, Dahlstrom (Horeck), 5:39; 2. New York, Watson (Demarco-Warwick), 8:51; 3. New York, Goldup (Macdonald), 14:54. Penalties, Check, Lahr.

Third period — 4. New York, Macdonald, (Thurier), Goldp), 7:54. Penalties: Moe, Cooper, Shack.

Coast Junior Hockey Loop Has Troubles

VANCOUVER (CP) — Pacific Coast Junior Hockey League officials gathered here Wednesday night, but absence of Nanaimo delegates made the promised firework over refereeing in the island city last Saturday, fizz out.

Nanaimo is protesting a 60-40 split in gate receipts. New Westminster and Vancouver teams have protested that the game in Nanaimo was allowed to get out of hand in the Saturday night event. They are asking that two referees keep an eye on future doings, instead of one referee and one linesman.

The referee question was left in the lap of president Cee Goodrich, who will appoint two referees for each future game. He will advise Nanaimo formally of this decision. Referees will be switched around from town to town to avoid repeat performances with the same referees guarding the morals at every game.

The 60-40 gate angle was set over until the next meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 3, in Vancouver.

New Westminster requested that the residence rule be extended until Jan. 15, inasmuch as they have lost one player, Mickie McGuire, through injury, and they may lose two more, Sonny McDonald and Jack Laidlaw.

McDonald intends to go east to school, and Laidlaw, a member of the R.C.A.F., is expecting a post-

ing 100 or more games.

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Reds by one marker at .972,

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Dominion Presents Laurel and Hardy

This country, it would seem, is divided into two distinct classes of people — Laurel and Hardy fans, and those poor souls who are unlucky enough to have a cast-off mop for a funnybone.

To the former, the news that the screen's two zaniest comedians have come through with a new picture, which is being acclaimed as their most hilarious hit, will come as a five-star event.

The film, "The Big Noise," which stars Laurel and Hardy and features glamorous Doris Merrick, Arthur Space and Veda Ann Borg, is scheduled to open tomorrow at the Dominion Theatre.

Tin Pan Alley Setting for Film

The razzle-dazzle era of vaudeville, musical comedy and "In Pan Alley," just prior to the First World War is the exciting setting for Damon Runyon's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," the new 20th Century-Fox Technicolor musical, starring Monty Woolley, June Haver and Dick Haymes, and opening today at the Capitol Theatre.

The riotous film tells of the romance of two hot-headed Irish sweethearts, and the flaming melodies that have always topped the nation's lit parade.

Oak Bay, Plaza Present Thriller

Sitting down in a movie scene is almost a luxury for Jon Hall, the actor whose recent films for Universal have been of the action type.

During preliminary rehearsals of scenes for his new picture, Universal's thriller, "The Invisible Man's Revenge," now at the Oak Bay and Plaza theatres, Hall had to play a long scene with

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ATLAS — "The Forest Rangers" starring Fred MacMurray.
CADET — Merle Oberon in "First Comes Courage."
CAPITOL — "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," with June Haver.
DOMINION — "The Man in Grey," starring Jas. Mason.
OAK BAY and PLAZA — "The Invisible Man," starring Jon Hall.
RIO — "The Purple Heart," starring Dana Andrews.
YORK — "Murder in the Big House," with Fay Emerson.

Gale Sondergaard and Lester Matthews while seated in an over-stuffed chair. Jon just couldn't seem to get going.

"I know what's the matter," he explained to Ford Beebe, the film's producer-director. "I'm not used to sitting down. I don't believe I've ever spoken more than three lines while standing still, let alone sitting still."

"Do you want to move around more?" Beebe asked. "Maybe we can change it."

"Oh, no," Hal replied, settling back comfortably. "This is something I'd like to get used to, for a change, if you don't mind."

Oberon, Aherne Starring at Cadet

A magnificent love story, told against the flaming background of war, opens today at the Cadet Theatre, for a run of three days. It is "First Comes Courage," a Columbia picturization of the best-seller "The Commandos," by Elliott Arnold. Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne play the leading roles, that of a pair of lovers who must sacrifice their love. They each give delicate and understanding performances, bringing close to the onlooker's heart the tragic problem of young lovers the world over today.

RIOT THEATRE

"The Purple Heart," a tense and gripping story of the most amazing, single exploit of World War II, is now at the Riot Theatre. A \$900 permit for a retail gasoline service station at 812 Wharf Street was issued by the city building inspector's department Tuesday to the Imperial Oil Co.



AND WHO BUT MONTY WOOLLEY could be annoyed and react so sardonically to an early morning visit from lovely June Haver? It's all part of the fun-filled shenanigans packed into Damon Runyon's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," the new 20th Century-Fox technicolor musical hit which opens today at the Capitol Theatre. Dick Haymes is June's romantic interest in the film produced by Damon Runyon and directed by Gregory Ratoff. Also featured in the brilliant cast are Anthony Quinn, Beverly Whitney and Maxie Rosenblum.

750,000 Canadian Workers Now Belong To Some Union

By JACK WILLIAMS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Organized labor in Canada, its membership soaring to new heights, this year turned to the postwar period and, through efforts to solidify the position of its unions and the formulation of postwar programs, moved to consolidate its 750,000 Canadian workers belonging to some union.

Workers were involved. For the same period last year there were 358 strikes involving 165,866 workers with a loss of 855,283 man-working days.

Recent labor department figures placed the membership in Canadian labor organizations at 664,535 at Dec. 31, 1943, which represents an increase of 85 per cent compared with 1939. During 1944 there have been further increases and it is now officially estimated that close to 750,000 Canadian workers belong to some union.

Throughout the movement there has been a determination to gain for labor a more important place in the Canadian structure than it held before the war.

In this effort the unions kept prominently before them an application from Reconstruction Minister Howe, extended at the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress, for labor to share with government and management the responsibility of meeting postwar problems.

Some of labor's wartime gains received formal recognition during the year. The federal labor code, which introduces compulsory collective bargaining, became effective early in the year. While this is a purely wartime measure, action by a majority of the provinces in making it applicable to all occupations under their jurisdiction has been taken by labor as an indication the principles of the code will survive the war period.

TREND TOWARD RECOGNITION

Coupled with this has been a tendency by conciliation boards and by employers to give increased recognition to contract clauses which introduce union shop terms which require all employees to join the recognized union within a specified time.

Even wider recognition was gained for the maintenance-of-membership plan through which those employees who belong to the union must continue their membership for life of the agreement.

Such measures as these are being eagerly sought by unions to assure security for the organizations in the postwar period. So extensive has the effort to obtain agreements of this type become that disputes during the year centred more about union status than wages.

The strike record for the first 10 months of 1944 was down 82 per cent from the corresponding period of 1943.

Up to Oct. 31, the time loss this year amounted to 485,924 man-working days. This resulted from 172 strikes in which 74,391

Total cost of the project will be \$5,626, of which the municipality will pay \$1,687.

The special assessment per lot is \$112.53 and is apportioned according to the benefit received.

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C.N. Revenue Down

MONTRÉAL (CP) — Canadian National Railways today reported net revenue in November at \$5,575,000 compared with \$7,228,000 in the comparable month in 1943, a decrease of \$1,651,000.

Operating revenues decreased \$22,000 at \$36,979,000 and operating expenses increased \$1,629,000 at \$31,404,000. Cumulative net revenue for 11 months ended Nov. 30 decreased \$16,625,000 at \$71,958,000.

All beginners' swimming classes will be canceled next week at the Y.M.C.A., Archie McKinnon said today. They will resume Jan. 2.

City Hall and Public Library will both be closed Boxing Day. The former will finish business at noon Saturday and reopen Wednesday morning at 9, while the library will end its day at 9 Saturday evening and resume activity at 9 Wednesday morning. Special arrangements have been made to let borrowers have twice

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Mrs. Jane Grant, wife of Capt. K. D. Grant, who is serving in Holland, and her two children, four-year-old Patricia, and Peter, one-and-a-half, were met by Capt. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grant, 1247 Beach Drive, with whom they will stay. Mrs. Grant was Jane Warden before her marriage in September, 1939, in Preston, Lancashire, where she was a window dresser in a dress shop.

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R.C.N. Photo
Sailors forced to spend Christmas in barracks won't suffer from lack of traditional Christmas fare. Pictured in the galley of H.M.C.S. Givency with a few of the 175 Christmas cakes they have been busy preparing for the past month as part of the elaborate holiday menu for the naval base and attached sea-going ships are left to right: L-Cook Thomas Reay, Mission City; Chief Cook Wm. Nutall, Victoria, and L-Cook Bernard Forsyth, Edmonton. The cakes on display weigh eleven pounds each and are part of a total original mixture of over half a ton. Other items on the Christmas menu include roast turkey and plum pudding.

Christmas Leave Thrills After 5 Years Overseas

Advance party of 14 happy Victoria soldiers, with equally happy families at the C.P.R. dock to meet them, arrived home in Victoria today for 30 days well-earned rest and Christmas leave after five long years overseas and on battle fronts.

Bdr. H. N. Hatcher, R.C.A., who went on active service in August, 1939, served in England, France and Belgium, and was up to the Holland border, comes home to a real family Christmas with a wife and three young daughters to share it. Joan, 12, Barbara 10 and Frances 3, Frances, who was only a three-months-old baby when he left, ran up to him eagerly on his arrival home.

"I've got a wife and three daughters, and I am glad to be home!" I want to do some Christmas shopping," he said at the boat, and dashed away in his brother-in-law's car.

WANTS TO STAY IN CANADA. Interviewed later in the day, Bdr. Hatcher said he would like to stay in Canada now.

"I feel I've done my share," he said, "and I've got my wife and children here." Besides his Canada Volunteer Service ribbon with leaf, is worn the Canadian Efficiency medal for service in the Non-Permanent Active Militia. On the ribbon is the first clasp. That too represents a long period of service.

"I think Belgium is the best off country in Europe today," he said. "True, there was some starvation," he said, "but one could get any amount of clothing without coupons. Not like England, where rationing is tight, and coupons few. And lots of matches, as many as you wanted to buy. There were cigarettes, of a kind, in Belgium, but they were something like a Mexican cigarette. I never touched the things," he said.

There was also a bumper crop of real silk stockings.

For Pte. Ken Piper, P.P.C.L.I., homecoming was not quite as cheerful. His wife has been ill and is in Toronto. However, Christmas will be cheerful. She is flying home on Sunday. In the meantime, Pte. Piper is busy renewing old acquaintances.

The Island Club was incorporated under the Societies Act in 1920. Mr. Maitland said, and on the incorporation papers the aims and objects of the club were given as follows:

"For improvement and development of the mental, social and physical condition of young men.

He served in England, France, Belgium and Holland. When asked what he saw over there, he answered, "Not very much."

"It's a lot worse than some people make it out to be and a lot better than others make it out to be, and that just about sums it up," he grinned.

Going over with the Royal Canadian Artillery he later transferred to the service corps and took up his trade as cook. On the whole, he said, he took more bombing in England than on the other side of the Channel.

He married in England but does not intend his wife to come over here until the war is over, and, anyway, if he gets his wish

Wandering Swan Expected Home

Beacon Hill Park's wandering swan, named Peregrine today by Parks Superintendent Herb Warren, may be back at the park shortly. Food is becoming a problem for the bird which has established a reputation for straying.

Wednesday Mr. Warren saw him in Esquimalt Harbor, near the Six Mile House.

"It knows me and backs off when I approach," the park superintendent said. "However, it is getting hungry now and we expect to catch it shortly."

The bird, he said, had been fed by a little girl in the neighborhood. It had taken bread from her hand.

Mr. Warren also reported requests from a woman at Prospect Lake, where the duck now in the enclosure was found, to have the animal named Bambi. He has under consideration the idea of naming all the park animals and the larger birds, he said.

4 Victoria Firms Are Incorporated

Four new Victoria firms are among this week's list of companies incorporated under the Companies Act at the Parliament Buildings.

They are The Priory Guest House Ltd., \$50,000, 729 Penderston Road, William Lloyd Morgan and Mary Ellen Morgan, directors; Duncan Iron Works Ltd., \$10,000, 148 Government Street, John Young Copeman and Kathleen Alice Collett, directors; Mid-Island Sawmill Co. Ltd., \$50,000, 211 Penderston Building, Frederick Knight and Charles De Witte Collard, directors; Almee Lloyd (Canada) Ltd., \$10,000, 739 Port Street, Louis Pugh Kent, Eng., and Ronald Purkis Wattie, Cobble Hill, directors.

Other new companies are:

Harry Ablowitz Realtors Ltd., 10,000 shares N.P.V.; Perfect Manufacturing Co. Ltd., \$100,000; Overseas Commodities Ltd., \$50,000; W. J. Head Boot Factory Ltd., \$25,000; Export Homes Ltd., \$100,000; Home Funeral Chapel Ltd., \$10,000; Bretell Electric Ltd., \$100,000; Columbia Pine Sales Ltd., \$10,000; MacKinnon Sales and Service Ltd., \$10,000; Utility Finance Ltd., \$50,000; Wyllie Bros. & Co. Ltd., \$10,000; B.C. Plumbing Supplies Ltd., \$10,000-all of Vancouver.

S. P. Steele Ltd., \$10,000, Kamloops; Lillooet Hotel Ltd., \$10,000, Lillooet; Associated Distributors Ltd., \$10,000, New Westminster; Kelowna Motors Ltd., \$10,000, Kelowna.

One allegation commonly made," said the letter, "is to the effect that these machines encourage gambling. The persons instructing me inform me that so far as they are concerned, the devices are played solely for amusement, and no rewards are given. In the event of any operator using these machines for gambling purposes, or allowing minors to use them, an appropriate remedy is available by police action."

Mr. Harman noted statements made to the effect that convictions against illegal operators were difficult to secure. The only persons in all criminal matters.

There was no valuable war material in the machines, and man power had not been expended on their manufacture since the start of the war, he said.

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One Woman's Day...

By NANCY HODGES

HEROIC FATHERS

In A CHRISTMAS LETTER written to his mother from Holland, and which was shown to me the other day, a Victoria gunner wrote:

"As you know, mom, I'm not what you'd call a religious guy. But I've got to hand it to our padre. He's certainly got guts. He goes right into hell let loose, cheering the chaps up and helping the wounded... And he doesn't dish it out with a bolder-than-thou attitude, either. He's sure helped me over many a tight spot."

I suppose chaplains vary as much as ordinary individuals in their reactions to moments of great danger, for after all they are only human beings.

But the very nature of their chosen vocation puts them on a pedestal and subjects them to more critical scrutiny than men in other callings.

That is why the job of the chaplain with the fighting forces must be a particularly exacting one.

TRIESTE MEN'S BELIEFS

FOR the first essential to success with his assorted "flock" is that he must be a man and a chaplain second.

Warfare brings out traits unsuspected in private lives. The best-living and most religious men find it hard to reconcile their beliefs with its horrors.

Under the stress of battle "tough guys", who never gave a thought to religion will turn it to comfort—not always, perhaps, with permanent results.

So the chaplain who can meet these varying types on a common ground, while sharing a common danger, has gone far to earn respect not only for himself but for what he represents.

NOT THROUGH YOURS

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, in one of his books, has this to say about preachers:

"Religion is a great force—the only real motive in the world, but what you fellows don't understand is that you must get a man through his own religion, not through yours."

But in the face of death, creeds and denominationalism lose their significance.

That elemental truth is brought home

with much force by an item I have just seen in an American paper.

It records the awarding of posthumous decorations to four U.S. Army chaplains.

The presentation took place at a moving little ceremony Tuesday of this week at Fort Myers, Va., the next-of-kin receiving the medals.

HEROES OF ALL FAITHS

TWO of the chaplains were Protestants, one a Roman Catholic and one a Jew. All were first lieutenants in the U.S. chaplain service.

And all were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for surrendering their lifebelts to other men on a sinking transport at the sacrifice of their own lives.

The chaplains were on the troop transport S.S. Dorchester when it was torpedoed off Greenough early in 1943.

With difficulty they made their way on deck and began circulating among the troops, and, in the words of the War Department:

"...encouraging the men, praying with them and assisting them into lifeboats and jetties."

Survivors of the disaster credit the padres with saving many lives by their success in persuading confused men not to plunge overboard.

AVE YOUR OWN LIFERELTS

WHILE many recalled that, after having

helped in the distribution of lifebelts, each removed his own priceless lifejacket and gave it to another man. The War Department citation goes on:

"The ship was sinking by the bow when men in the water and in lifeboats saw the chaplains link arms and raise their voices in prayer. They were still on the deck together, praying, when the stricken ship made her final plunge."

The heroism and devotion of these men must have inspired and strengthened men of all faiths everywhere.

The churches must be proud that such men carried their banners into this war, for the manner of their dying proved their belief in what they had preached.

And it seems to me peculiarly fitting that the decoration awarded to this group of heroes—Protestants, Catholic and Jew—should have been in the form of a cross—the symbol common to all their faiths.

from H. Blakeney, superintendent of works, who said he recommended closing of the road providing the residents took the proper steps and consented to bear the cost involved. Lots adjoining the road would gain a share of the road allowance, it was said.

Discussion on the secession move by Wards Five and Six, with the exception of Rithet Farm, was tabled for the incoming council, made by Councillor Robert Noble at this year's final council meeting held Wednesday evening, was defeated when only Councillor K. W. Richmond, who is retiring this year, supported Councillor Noble.

Approval of public ownership of electric power was voted by the council, but further action was tabled pending official word from the inter-municipal committee dealing with the acquisition of assets of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd.

The approval followed a report by Councillor J. L. Hobbs on a meeting of 31 municipalities at Vancouver last Saturday which he attended. The provincial government showed interest in the acquisition of the power, but preferred the municipalities take over transportation, he said.

Most of the increase was on Vancouver Island—total production at island mines being 53,294 tons, compared with 37,844 tons a year ago.

Total B.C. production last month was 133,262 tons; total production in November of 1943 was 116,763 tons.

Final readings were given at Saanich School Loan By-law, Milk Regulation By-law, and Gorge Bridge Regulation By-law. First reading was given to Properties Acquisition By-law.

The council approved meeting requirements of the S.P.C.A. that society send a letter criticizing conditions in the Saanich pound. Roy M. Lamont was compensated for the loss of five turkeys killed by dogs by a grant of \$3 each.

Vancouver Island Coaches Ltd. advised the council that Cordova Bay would have a revised schedule, which would include an additional round trip.

A request by Rev. Frederick Pike, St. Luke's Church, for permission to extend St. Luke's Cemetery to the Glebe land opposite the church was tabled for the incoming council. J. L. Hobbs noted a remark by Mr. Pike in reference to eventual pulling down of the church and said he would not like to see such a thing happen as the old church had become a landmark in the municipality. So far as he knew, he said, it was the first Anglican church erected in the district.

Commenting on a letter from E. W. Ismay advising his inability to act as representative on the salary commission before March, 1945, the council expressed itself as satisfied to wait if it met with the approval of municipal employees and ordered a copy of Mr. Ismay's letter forwarded to the employees.

A petition was received requesting the closing of Torrington Road and a report was received

from the council on behalf of the staff.

Miss K. Steele made the presentation on behalf of the Knights

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After the meeting a concert was held in which the Knights took part.

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Good will be shown to the Knights

New York Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Selected stock market favorites climbed back on the recovery wave today, although leaders generally were unable to work up rising stimulation.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)
Dow Jones averages closed today as follows:

30 Industrials 150.28, off .51

20 rails 47.21, off .19

15 utilities 25.82, off .02

Total sales, 951,230.

Closing Bid Asked

Allied Chemicals 150.2 151.4

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